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On 18 September 1953, several sedans, occupied by 2 generals and about 10 officers, arrived at the Loewen Kaserne in Doeberitz and were welcomed by the commanding officers of Units I and II. Subsequently, the officers inspected the Loewen Kaserne. The inspection took about 2 to 3 hours. The officers had dinner at the EM mess. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., the motor vehicles of the units were being refuelled. Taps was at 9 p.m. At 11:45 p.m., the officer on duty had the main switch of the electric light turned off. At 11:55 p.m., alarm was sounded. The troops rushed to the vehicle sheds. After half an hour, the first vehicles left the installation toward the training area, with lights dimmed and occupied to capacity by troops. Some trucks towed AT guns. Ten tanks of Unit II left the installation. On 21 September, the AT guns of Unit I returned to the installation, while the tanks were still at the training grounds. About 600 troops of Unit II marched to the training area. The Adler Kaserne was occupied as previously by a rear detail. On 24 September, the ration strength of Unit I was 687 men. Material leaving for the training area included 2 x 57-mm AT guns and 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns towed by trucks                      25X1                      belonging to Unit I; and 8 JG-3 tanks                      25X1                      belonging to Unit II. On 25 September, a telephone section was stringing a telephone line from the komendatura toward Finkenkrug via the highway to Rohrbeck. 25X1

25X1                      Comment. Source observed a practice alarm of the 19th Mecz Regt and the 72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, referred to as Units I and II, of the 1st Mecz Div, which apparently was connected with an exercise in the Doeberitz training area. The Adler Kaserne, on 9 September, was reported occupied to capacity by another source and vaguely occupied by source of the present report.                      25X1A

                     It is believed that the installation was only partially occupied and that elements of the units of the division stationed there were at the Doeberitz troop training grounds. 25X1A

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